REMARKS

The Official Action of 14 February 2006 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The courtesy of the Examiner in indicating the presence of allowable subject matter (the subject matter of claim 11) is noted with appreciation. The subject matter of claim 11 (i.e., the recitations formerly in claims 8, 9, 10 and 11) have now been incorporated into claim 8. Moreover, claim 8 has been amended to remove the bases for the objections to claims 8 and 11 appearing at paragraph 3 of the Official Action.

Claim 13 has also been amended to incorporate the recitations formerly in claim 11, and to remove the basis for the objection to this claim appearing at paragraph 3 of the Official Action. The incorporation into claims 8 and 13 of the recitations from claim 11 is respectfully believed to remove the basis for the prior art rejections appearing at paragraph 5 of the Official Action, in view of the Examiner's acknowledgment that the cited art does not disclose the incorporated subject matter (see Official Action at paragraph 6).

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections and objections of record have been overcome and that the application is now in allowable form. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited and is believed to be fully warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

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